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SUBJECT: CRIMMINS/CARPENTER REPORT ON PEOPLES TEMPLE
1. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN REGARDING THE RELEASE OF THE CRIMMINS/CARPENTER REPORT. COPIES WERE SENT TO YOU BY POUCH LAST WEEK. THE TEXT OF THE REPORT HAD BEEN EMBARGOED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE UNTIL TODAY BUT LOCAL NEWSPAPER BROKE THE EMBARGO AND ENSUING PRESS COVERAGE FOLLOWED. I UNDERSTAND THAT EMBASSY WAS ALERTED TO COMPLETION OF REPORT AND TIMING FOR PUBLIC RELEASE.
2. CRIMMINS AND CARPENTER CONDUCTED FORTY-FIVE MINUTE ON THE RECORD PRESS BRIEFING TODAY ATTENDED BY ROUGHLY TWENTY REPORTERS. QUESTIONS WERE THOUGHTFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE FULL TRANSCRIPT ASAP. I THINK
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THAT YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME, WHEN YOU HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FULL REPORT, THAT INITIAL PRESS COVERAGE BY SOME MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT PLACE ITS CONCLUSIONS IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE OR MAINTAIN FULL CONTEXT OF FINDINGS.

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